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## **Travel Information for Boston VQEG Meeting**

The April 24-28 meeting of VQEG will be at the Verizon Laboratories outside Boston. The labs are located in Waltham, a suburb roughly 10 miles from the center of Boston. Boston has one main airport, Logan. Our hotel suggestions in Waltham near the Labs are

Doubletree Waltham 550 Winter St., Waltham, MA \$139-\$151 001-800-222-8733 Ask for the Verizon rate. This hotel has the easiest walk to the Verizon Labs.

Summerfield Suites, Waltham 54 Fourth Ave., Waltham, MA \$130 001-866-974-9288 Ask for the Verizon rate. This hotel is within walking distance of the labs, but the traffic is unpleasant.

If you want to stay in downtown Boston, I suggest you make your reservations soon because several of the places I've tried already are not giving Verizon discounts April 24-28, and the regular room rates are quite expensive. The following hotels are giving Verizon discounts as of 7 March, 2006.

Doubletree Boston 821 Washington St., Boston, MA \$159 001-800-222-8733 Ask for the Verizon rate. This hotel is about 45 minutes by cab from the labs in Waltham; cab fare is approximately \$60.

Club Quarters Boston 161 Devonshire St., Boston, MA \$126 email reservations@clubquarters.com and ask for the Verizon rate. This hotel is about 45 minutes by cab from the labs in Waltham; cab fare is approximately \$60.

<u>Transportation</u>. A cab from Logan Airport to the Labs in Waltham costs about \$60. A cab from downtown Boston to Waltham is also about \$60. If you are staying in Waltham and want to get into Boston, one way would be to take a cab to the nearest subway station, which would cost about \$25, and take the subway system to all other downtown points. Or, if you are adventurous, you might try renting a car; Boston is known as a difficult city in which to drive, but it is not impossible. Getting to Waltham from Logan by car is pretty easy now if you avoid rush hour.

I will update this notice later with more information about directions and things to do around Boston. If you have questions please contact me or Karen DeFrancisco (karen.defrancisco@verizon.com) 781-466-2999. --- Greg Cermak